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Eric,

The following is information we provide to folks who are pursuing a scientific take permit. Although the 4d window has closed for 2007, we will submit a request to NOAA Fisheries (Leslie Schaeffer) for fish to cover the incidental take of listed salmon and steelhead.

ODFW issues scientific taking permits for fish and marine invertebrate collecting (including classroom projects) through an online application developed in cooperation with NOAA-Fisheries. The web site may be used throughout the year to apply for Oregon state scientific taking permits, which are required for take of any species in Oregon.

The address for the online application is <http://fishresearch.nwr.noaa.gov/>. If you need help completing your application, refer to the Help document, which can be viewed or downloaded from the site (you may need to disable any pop-up blockers to view this document). The names and phone numbers of helpful people at ODFW and NOAA-Fisheries are found on the Contact Us page. Both the Help and Contact Us pages are available through links on the web site.

List all fish or marine invertebrate species you expect to encounter—both listed and non-listed. If you expect to take listed species under the federal 4(d) Research Limit (see below), you must submit your application by the deadline. For 2007 the deadline was Nov. 3, 2006. You may apply at any time for an Oregon Scientific Taking Permit for non-listed species, but you are advised to submit your application 4-6 weeks before you plan to start.

The 4(d) Research Limit allows take to be authorized for take of species within the following ESUs: Lower Columbia River Steelhead; Lower Columbia River Chinook Salmon; Lower Columbia River Coho Salmon; Middle Columbia River Steelhead; Upper Columbia River Steelhead; Upper Willamette Steelhead; Upper Willamette Chinook Salmon; Columbia River Chum Salmon; Snake River Fall-run Chinook Salmon; Snake River Spring/Summer-run Chinook Salmon; Snake River Steelhead; Southern Oregon/Northern California Coasts Coho Salmon. Take of endangered species and all USFWS listed species requires a separate permit or other authorization (Biological Opinion, Section 7 consultation, etc.).

Note that boat electrofishing cannot be authorized in any ESU. You must seek a section 10 permit from NOAA Fisheries if you want to use this sampling method. Contact Leslie Schaeffer at 503-230-5433 or email her at leslie.schaeffer@noaa.gov for more information on section 10 permits for research. You may apply for an Oregon state scientific taking permit for these activities. Activities in which you would only “observe” or “harass” listed species do not need NOAA Fisheries approval; however you are encouraged to submit an Oregon state scientific taking permit application as the data is valuable for Oregon’s fish distribution mapping efforts.

If you have any questions about Oregon state scientific taking permits, please call Shelly Miller at 503-947-6254 or email inquiries to fish.research@state.or.us.

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